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1. An interpretation of the activities of the Rumanian National Committee given by the supporters of General Nicolae Rădescu is contained in a letter from Adriana Georgescu-Cosmovici, a secretary to General Rădescu when he was Prime Minister, to Mircea Vasilache an adherent of Rădescu's in Istanbul. Mme. Georgescu-Cosmovici presently resides in Paris.

2. Mme. Georgescu-Cosmovici informed Vasilache that relations between factions of the Rumanian Committee were more strained than ever before. Scenes "of the utmost violence" had taken place between General Rădescu and Alexander Cretzianu. General Rădescu is opposed by the representatives of the National Peasant Party who are bound together by the "money-power" welded by Cretzianu. Mihail Fărcăşanu, representative of the Liberal Party has now joined the supporters of General Rădescu.

3. Although President of the National Committee, General Rădescu is completely without power because he lacks funds. Nicolae Malaxa, who had earlier financed Rădescu, terminated his financial support in October 1949 and Rădescu has had to discontinue his contributions to the Rumanian Orthodox Church in Paris, his scholarships for students in France, and has suspended publication of his newspaper, Uniunea Română. According to Mme. Georgescu-Cosmovici, the National Peasants are using their representatives in various countries to undermine Rădescu. These representatives she described as supported by funds available to Alexander Cretzianu.

4. Although not implicating the National Peasants in such maneuvers, Mme. Georgescu-Cosmovici stated that a further important attempt to undermine General Rădescu is being made in an effort to capture the Iron Guard and turn it against him. In her opinion, the inclusion of the Iron Guard in resistanc activities is supported by General Constantin Petre-Lazăr, Aide to King Mihai

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